

IN ARMOR TIMES.

Strength of English War Horses in the Days of Henry VIII.

The size of the English war horse reached its maximum in the reign of Henry VIII., when the relations of body armor to "hand guns" were analogous to those of the early ship armor and cannon. There was good reason to believe, says the London Spectator, that by adding a little to the thickness of the coat of steel the soft, low velocity bullet of the day could be kept out. So it was for a time. But the additional weight required a still larger horse to carry it. The charger had to be armored as well as his rider, and the collection in the Tower of London shows the actual weight which it carried. The panoply of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, the brother-in-law of Henry VIII., still exists. That of the horse covers the whole of the hind quarters, the back of the neck, forehead, muzzle, ears, shoulders and chest. It is exactly like a piece of boiler plating and fastened by rivets.

The rider sat in a saddle, the front of which was a steel shield ten inches high, covering the stomach and thighs as the "breastwork" on an ironclad's deck covers the base of the turret. The total weight is eighty pounds fifteen ounces. To this add the weight of the rider's armor, ninety-nine pounds nine ounces, and of the rider himself, say sixteen stone (224 pounds), and the total is twenty-eight stone twelve pounds eight ounces, or 404 pounds 8 ounces. This bears out Hollinshead's statement that in the days of Henry VIII., "who erected a noble studderie for breeding horses, especially the greatest sort," such as were kept for burden, those animals would bear four hundredweight commonly.

MAKING OLD OAK.

One of the Tricks of the Cabinet-makers' Trade.

You will have to go a long way before you find a body of men more clever than those cabinetmakers who produce goods to satisfy the desire of the public for furniture made of old and fancy woods. They can transform whitewood into all kinds of exotic woods by means of chemicals, and a chemist would be surprised if he were to have the run of one of those factories for a day.

The manufacture of "old" oak is one of the easiest of their processes. The boards, moldings, panels or whatever pieces are required are made of oak which has just had time to dry sufficiently to prevent excessive warping.

They are then placed in a dark room, on the floor of which and quite close to the furniture to be "aged," are placed several bowls, plates and so forth, of liquid ammonia. The room is then hermetically closed up, and the wood is left for a month or so, according to the age which is required. The coloration will extend to a depth of nearly a quarter of an inch if the room is kept closed for a few months.

That is why there is so much old oak furniture about. Of course, a little reflection would show that it could not be genuine—the forests of the middle ages would not have furnished one-half of it—but people do not always reflect. —London Graphic.

Shoe Buckles.

When Evander Berry Wall, king of the dudes for twelve years and really the most inconspicuous man about town, because he was homely of face and a very bad dresser, besides being rather short and blotchy, undertook to reintroduce shoe buckles he made his first big failure as the sartorial dictator of our "Jennessees doree." I think it was poor Al Clegg who said: "Why, Berry, you make a fool of yourself. Shoe buckles go with long stockings and knee pants. You can't wear 'em with socks and trousers. They interfere with the set of the trousers around the feet. Then, of course, you've got to have a low quartered shoe. Cut it out, Berry, cut it out." Wall immediately quit. —New York Press.

Wearing Glasses.

Wearing glasses need not be permanent. If the first hint of derangement in the eyes is heeded a short time spent under the direction of an oculist will safely tide over the difficulty. It is most restful to close the eyes frequently for a few minutes. This rest does them great good. Particularly should this be done in trains and street cars. Many a headache and smarting pain may thus be saved. Traveling in public conveyances is exceedingly hard on the eyes, even for those that are strong and perfect. The gaze should be confined to the interior of the car. Looking out of the windows at the rapidly changing scenery is a great strain. —Philadelphia Ledger.

An Exception.

"My oldest boy, if I do say it myself," declared Skinner proudly, "is a thoroughly honest and truthful young man."

"Well, well!" exclaimed Knox. "And yet some people insist that heredity figures largely in the development of a character." —Philadelphia Ledger.

Rather than make an effort to reach the top some men prefer to remain at the bottom for the purpose of helping pull others down. —Mexican Herald.

A Faroe Reformer.

The people of the Faroe islands cling to their old customs and see little good in change, says the author of "The Faroes and Iceland," but now and then one of them becomes a conservative reformer. Such was an old man of Stromo who, in his youth, had learned cabinetmaking in Copenhagen, then had been a blacksmith in New South Wales and later a marine in the Danish navy during the Sleswick-Holstein war. Having thus traveled far beyond the wildest dreams of his countrymen, he returned while still a comparatively young man to Stromo and invested his savings in a home. Conservative though he appeared to outsiders, to the islanders he was a reckless innovator. He roofed his house with slate instead of with the traditional turf, but could find none to follow his example. They shook their heads in doubt. He argued vainly with them against the habit of throwing fish cleanings into the brook and getting drinking water lower down. The only advice they would accept from him—and that after long hesitation—was to boil their fish oil outdoors instead of in the living room. But when this terrible innovator heard from a visitor that women rode bicycles in England he was so astonished that he asserted confidently that the world could not last much longer.

Cause and Effect.

Shakespeare saw life in large and wrote as he saw. He never "blamed it on to God." His pages are full of the inexorable sequence of cause and effect, and the swift march of deeds points the moral of individual responsibility. If things were "rotten in Denmark," it was because the fathers had eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth were set on edge; if Macbeth trembled at the knocking at the gate, it was because conscience doth make cowards of us all. The ghosts that haunted Bosworth field were of Richard's own creating, and Regan and Goneril, desperately dead, reap but their inevitable due. In short, Shakespeare's message is the message of a robust manhood and womanhood: Brace up, pay for what you have, do good if you wish to get good. Good or bad, shoulder the burden of your moral responsibility and never forget that cowardice is the most fatal and most futile crime in the calendar of crimes. Cowards die many times before their deaths; The valiant never taste of death but once.

Martha Baker Dunn in Atlantic.

To Cheer Him.

The wife of his bosom was going to leave him for a fortnight, and Fitz-Tomkins was trying his very best to look sad.

"My dear," he said, choking back a chuckle with his handkerchief and wiping his eyes, "I hardly like to think how I shall miss you. The evenings will be so long and lonely without you. I shall have no one to talk to."

"George," said Mrs. Fitz, surveying him with a marble eye, "I have provided for your comfort in this as in every other way. When you return home you will find dear mother there. She will remain till I come back and keep you company in the evenings. George."

And as the train slowly glided out of the station the guard wondered why Fitz-Tomkins nearly bit him when he insinuated a tip. —London Telegraph.

No Sinecures in China.

Everybody in China works hard, even those who have reached the highest positions. It is related of a member of the Chinese cabinet that he left home every morning at 2 o'clock, as he was on duty at the palace from 3 to 6. As a member of the privy council he was engaged from 6 to 9. From 9 until 11 he was at the war department, of which he was president. As the member of the board of punishment he was in attendance from 12 till 2, and as a minister of the foreign office he spent every day from 2 till 5 or 6 there. In addition he frequently served on special boards of commissions.

The English of England.

The London Daily Chronicle gives these eccentric pronunciations of a few of the curious place names that dot the map of England: Rhudbaxton is Ribson, Woodmanecote is Uddenmuckat, Sawbridgeworth is Sapsar, Churchdown is Chosen, Sandlaere is Senjiker, Little Urswick is Lilosik, Aspatria is Spethry, St. Osith is Toosy, Chaddenwyche is Charnage, Happlsburgh is Hazeboro, Salt Fleetby is Solihay, Almondsbury is Anesbury, Congresbury is Coomsbury.

The Satisfactory Part.

Jamie having come into the possession of considerable wealth through the death of relatives was thus addressed by one of his neighbors:

"Aye, Jamie, it was a guid thing for you that your rich freens waur born afore ye."

"Weel," said Jamie, "I'm nae sure about that, but it was a guid thing that they deid afore me." —Dundee Advertiser.

Adapting Aims to Ends.

He—I think a woman's club, to be successful, should aim at something far removed from female suffrage. She—I don't agree with you. That should be its sole aim. He—Yes, but if it aims at something else it is more likely to hit it. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Reading on a Train.

If you travel back and forth into town every day you no doubt read your paper or a magazine on the train. While this is not, indeed, the best practice for the eyes, it seems a pity to waste so much time which might be turned to good account. Much of the annoyance which comes from train reading is due to the jolting of the cars, which continually knocks the printed line out of focus with the eye. This can be in some degree obviated by laying a card or some other object below the line to be read and moving it steadily downward while reading. This acts as a guide to the eye and helps to keep the sight fixed. Those who have tried it say that it wonderfully assists to decrease the difficulty of reading while in motion.

Trade Emblems on Tombstones.

In Scotland it was for a long time usual to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Especially was this the case at Dunblane, where, in the burial ground of the abbey, it has been found that of those tombstones which are from 100 to 200 years old about one-fourth are thus marked, the symbols being in low relief. A sugar cane may be seen as showing the grave of a grocer; an ax and saw, with hammer and nails, occur on the grave of a carpenter; an awl and a hammer on that of a shoemaker. There are many other graves similarly marked. —London Answers.

Cutting Eyelashes.

An eyelash is pointed. A cut lash is blunt. A lash once cut never again becomes pointed. Every lash lives a variable time and then falls out to be replaced by a fresh one. When a cut lash so falls the new one is pointed. So any mischief resulting from cutting the lashes will be remedied by time. Opinions differ as to whether lash cutting promotes growth. That it renders the lashes unsightly is very certain.

Lightning's Course.

"On the water," said a grizzled old fisherman who stood smoking his corncob and surveying the bay the other day, "when you see a thunder storm rising you want to keep an eye on the lightning. If you see it in the distance striking down farther and farther to the right from where you first saw it or farther and farther to the left, this indicates that the storm is working to the right or to the left, and it may pass around you. But if you see it all the time coming down in the same place and at the same time getting lighter and brighter, why, that indicates that it's coming straight toward you, and this is the time, son, when you want to make for home or get in your cell and make everything snug till the storm passes over." —Exchange.

The Human Head.

An Irishman once defined the human head as "a bulbous excrescence, of several use to many as a peg for hanging a hat on, as a barber's block for supporting wigs, as a target for shooting at when rendered conspicuous by a shining helmet, as a snuff box or a cigarette box, as a machine for fitting into a halter or gallows, as a receptacle for freaks, fancies, follies, passions, prejudices, predilections—for anything, in short, but brains."

Amenities of the Table.

"I waited ten minutes for a car to-day," the landlady was saying, "and then it passed me without stopping."

It was afterward recalled that the habitually silent man had been having unusual difficulty with his chops.

"Perhaps," he remarked, "the conductor didn't care to have you board his car." —Exchange.

The Bride.

"What," asked the sweet girl graduate, "was the happiest moment of your life?"

"The happiest moment of my life," answered the old bachelor, "was when the jeweler took back the engagement ring and gave me collar studs in exchange." —London Tribune.

Special Delivery.

Mrs. Uptowne — I purchased some socks and a drum for my boy. How does it happen that you have brought only the drum? Driver — You see, ma'am, I'm the driver of the band wagon; the socks will come in the hose cart. —Woman's Home Companion.

The brain of an idiot contains much less phosphorus than that of a person of a average mental power.



Scene from "The Rollicking Girl."

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Meeting of Stockholders.

You are hereby informed that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Summerville Telephone Company will be held at the office of the Company, on Main Street, in the Borough of Summerville, on Wednesday, the 9th day of January, A. D. 1907, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the Company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting, and a meeting of the stockholders is hereby called to convene at the general office of the said company on the 9th day of January, 1907, to take action on approval or disapproval of the proposed increase of the capital stock of said company from \$50,000 to \$200,000. And further, that increasing the capacity of the plant, improving its system and perfecting its service in such manner and form as may be approved by a majority vote of the stockholders present.

All stockholders are requested to be present and vote to approve or disapprove the above resolutions which have been offered before the Board of Directors, and to be finally passed upon at the stockholders' annual meeting on the date above mentioned.

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